

THE DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR.....AUGUSTUS VAN WYCK, of Kings.
 FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.....ELLIOT DANFORTH, of Chenango.
 FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.....GEORGE W. BATTEN, of Niagara.
 FOR COMPTROLLER.....EDWARD S. ATWATER, of Dutchess.
 FOR STATE TREASURER.....ELLIOTT B. NORRIS, of Wayne.
 FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.....THOMAS F. CONWAY, of Clinton.
 FOR STATE ENGINEER.....MARTIN SCHENCK, of Rensselaer.

THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

The Democratic Party of the State of New York, in Convention assembled, declares as follows:

The War With Spain.
 IT congratulates the country upon the successful termination of a war undertaken—not for conquest or aggrandizement—but in the interests of humanity, liberty and civilization. We glory in the patriotic devotion and valor of our brave soldiers and sailors, who have honored the American people and heightened the lustre of our national fame, and we favor the adoption of a liberal policy toward the sick and wounded and the families of those who lost their lives in the service of their country. We rejoice that the Democracy has been connected with every honorable and creditable step in the war, and with nothing that is dishonorable or discreditable. The scandalous abuse by the President of his power of appointment in scattering army commissions among inexperienced and incompetent civilians as rewards to personal favorites, and almost to the exclusion of experienced officers in the service, is largely accountable for the fearful sufferings and the appalling loss of life among the gallant soldiers that have brought disgrace upon the Administration and a sense of shame to the nation. A Democratic Congress will, if chosen by the people, rigidly investigate the conduct of the war, and expose and punish all who may be responsible for the unnecessary deaths, privations, sufferings and neglect of the soldiers, which have shocked the nation and abated the national rejoicing over the triumphs of our army.

The Big Canal Steal.
 WHILE in national affairs we adhere with steadfast fidelity to all the principles and policies of Jeffersonian Democracy, we recognize that at the present time the attention of the people of this State is largely engrossed by the consideration of grave scandals and abuses of administration which, during four years of Republican control of State affairs, have resulted in great pecuniary loss to the people and a gradual lowering of the standards heretofore obtaining in State Government. The recent report of the Canal Investigation Commission has startled the people of the State and produced a profound conviction on their part, irrespective of their views on national questions, that a change of State domination is imperative for the preservation of the canals now seriously imperilled, for the protection of tax payers and for the vindication of the honor of the Empire State. It therefore becomes the part of wisdom to recognize the fact that under existing circumstances State issues, in this campaign, must necessarily be paramount in the present extraordinary crisis.

We pledge the people an honest and economical administration of the canals of the State. No squandering of the public money; no more millions to be stolen, wasted or needlessly expended, as reported by a Republican investigating commission to have occurred with the late millions canal improvement fund; all public contracts to be fairly and honestly awarded to the lowest bona fide bidder. No special privileges to get solely companies favored by political influence. We favor a reduction of canal expenditures and are opposed to the intruding of the work of carrying on further canal improvements to Republican officials responsible for the prodigality, favoritism and corruption which have characterized the present administration of the canals. Reform in canal management is the supreme issue of the hour. We promise the taxpayers that, if entrusted with power by the votes of the people, there shall follow a vigorous procedure on all canal officials implicated in the theft, waste or misuse of the public money and the recovery of so much of the diverted funds as it may be possible, by diligent effort, to procure through legal proceedings.

As to the Raines Excise Law.
 DEMOCRATIC rule in excise matters: Repeal of the odious legislation known as the Raines Liquor Law and the enactment of a just and reasonable excise law; the restoration to the several localities of local supervision of the liquor traffic; all excise money which may be equitably collected as a license fee or tax to be retained in local treasuries and applied to the relief of the burden of local taxation; no huge State-political-liquor machine composed of State officials all of one party and appointed at the capitol, with its horde of partisan deputies, attorneys, spies and informers supported at public expense. Diversification in the administration of the vast powers of excise is the new policy of the State.

Black's Force Bill.
 LOCAL self-government for cities: the several municipalities to conduct their purely local affairs without legislative interference from Albany; uniform charter provisions and like legislation for Democratic as for Republican cities; no tinkering for partisan purposes. We denounce the action of recent Republican Legislatures in uniformly overruling the votes by the mayors of cities of local legislation submitted for their approval, disregarding the merits of such vetoes without due consideration, thereby rendering the constitutional provisions for such submission substantially valueless, and the whole procedure a mere legislative farce. Legislative respect for local public sentiment should constitute the basis of all local legislation.

This for the Tax Dodger.
 THE repeal of the partisan and unfair legislation imposed at the recent extra session of the Legislature upon the city of New York and known as the Metropolitan Force Bill; uniform election laws throughout the State; equal rights and equal citizenship for all the electors of the State; no invasion of the homes of the citizens of Greater New York under the pretence of enforcing election laws by State spies and deputies armed with pistols and bludgeons; no usurpation of rights through the legislative trick of creating a metropolitan elections district in evasion of the Constitution, and in defiance of the protests of the people.

Civil Service Reform.
 ECONOMY in public expenditures. A reduction of the volume of appropriations, which has been nearly doubled in amount during four years of Republican rule; abolition of unnecessary offices and tax-eating commissions, and a weeding out from the public service of Republican employes put upon the pay roll for partisan services rather than in furtherance of the interests of the taxpayers. A low tax rate is demanded, such as we had during the administration of Democratic Governors from 1883 to 1895.

Good Roads, No Trusts, Fair Wages.
 PROPOSITION to unnecessary special legislation. A material reduction in the number of our annual laws and a return to the desirable policy of embodying needed legislation in general laws, so far as practicable—a policy which has been to all intents and purposes abandoned for the past four years, to the detriment of the best interests of the State. Recent Republican Governors have virtually abdicated their functions and surrendered them to the Legislature, where the enormous number of 3,321 laws have been placed on the statute books during the past four years. Reform in legislative methods and results is absolutely necessary.

How Van Wyck Was Nominated.
 A FAIR and just enforcement of the State civil service laws, according to their letter and spirit. No spurious or "starchless" civil service laws, evasive of the Constitution, binding only upon Democrats when in power, but capable of being successfully violated at pleasure by our opponents. Honest civil service laws, incapable of official jugglery and enforceable alike by and against all parties. The impartial enforcement of the soldier-preference laws and the restoration to the public service of the veteran soldiers who have been duly determined, in the opinion of the courts or otherwise, to have been illegally and improperly ejected from office by the present Republican Governor and his immediate predecessor.

THE restoration of the National Guard to the high standard of efficiency which, under Democratic Governors, it so long enjoyed. No more "Tillinghastism," incompetency or red tape in the Adjutant-General's office. A capable Adjutant-General and a reorganization of the National Guard are imperatively demanded.

THE demand just and equal taxation. NO TAX DODGING. We denounce all attempts to evade the burdens of taxation upon personal property by pretended changes of residence or otherwise. Under the Constitution and laws of our State eligibility to public office and liability to personal taxation both depend upon long residence. If the affidavits and official statements of the Republican candidate for Governor are true he is ineligible to the office of Governor—if false, he has committed perjury and is morally disqualified. He cannot escape from his dilemma—there is either legal disqualification or moral unfitness.

THE railroad laws of the State to be honestly interpreted and fairly administered, without evasion or deception. We denounce the action of recent Republican Governors in refusing to appoint as one of the Railroad Commissioners a bona fide representative, experienced in railroad business, as asked by the united railroad organizations of employes throughout the State, and if entrusted with power, we promise correction of this wrong at the first opportunity.

WE demand an amendment of the Constitution correcting the monstrous partisan injustice involved in Section 4 of Article 3, whereby the Senatorial apportionment of the State is not based upon population, but arbitrarily restricted and abridged in the large and growing Democratic localities. We demand for all electors wherever they may reside and whatever their political affiliations may be, equal rights, equal privileges and equal representation. A legislative apportionment based upon any other theory than according to population is un-republican in form, violative of every principle of political fairness and constitutes the essence of tyranny itself.

WE favor the passage by the next Legislature of the pending constitutional amendment providing for biennial legislative sessions.

WE favor liberal expenditures for the construction and maintenance of good roads as necessary for the welfare and comfort of the people of the entire State.

THE conservation of the just rights alike of capital and labor. No giving away of valuable public franchises; proper and honest legislation to curtail the growing power of unreasonable combinations and trusts. Freedom of competition and opposition to all monopolies oppressive of the people. A strict enforcement of all labor laws upon the statute books, and especially the eight-hour law and the prevailing rate of wages law, which are now being violated and evaded in different parts of the State. We also favor amendments to the Penal Code, so that its provisions shall not militate against organized labor.

WE favor the repeal of Chapter 655 of the Laws of 1896, which changed the then existing laws and gives the power of the Governor in filling vacancies in public offices during the recess of the Senate. The act is mischievous, unjustifiable and partisan. The legitimate and orderly prerogatives pertaining to the High office of Governor should have been maintained, wherever he might be and irrespective of his political opinions. The postponement of the taking effect of the law until January 1, 1899, is a transparent confession by the Republicans of the probability of the election of a Democratic Governor this Fall, whose authority they desired to curtail in advance. The people will rebuke the conspirators who have sought to forestall their verdict.

FOR the promotion of the success of the policies and principles herein set forth and the election of the candidates who may be nominated by this convention we invite the co-operation of all citizens, regardless of past political differences, who are interested in good government.



Mr. Croker Singing His Latest Popular Ballad.

CROKER PREDICTS A VICTORY.



I AM entirely satisfied with the ticket and the platform, both of which are thoroughly Democratic and will insure democratic success in November. Justice Van Wyck possesses all the qualities of an ideal candidate. He is an upright judge of a high court, his character cannot be impeached, and, above all, he is a man of mature judgment, not easily swayed by impulse. He will, if elected, make an excellent Governor.

This is a Democratic year, and I believe that with a united party, such as we now have in the State, Democratic principles will triumph.

The utmost good feeling has characterized our deliberations throughout, and I am confident that from now on until election day every Democrat in the State will work for the success of the ticket.—RICHARD CROKER, in a statement to the Journal at Syracuse.

with extreme good judgment, he was of great assistance to Gorman in a national way. The Senator said that he soon learned that Van Wyck had a large acquaintance throughout the Union, and especially the South. His work in Kings County resulted in the election of President Cleveland.

The nomination of the Justice for Governor will undoubtedly attract national attention and receive the approval of the Democracy North, South, East and West. He is in touch with the party at large and his election will be hailed as a triumph of Democratic principles, not only in New York, but in adjoining and even remote States.

INSIDE HISTORY OF HILL-CROKER BATTLE.

Syracuse, Sept. 29.—Despite the threatnings of last night and early to-day, there was no open fight in the Democratic convention, and harmony, as it was about to take wing, was seized and pinioned. Former Senator Hill surrendered gracefully when he found he was beaten, and abandoned his original intention of contesting the Murphy-Croker-McLaughlin ticket on the floor of the convention.

To soften the blow several persons on the slate objectionable to Mr. Hill were taken off and others to whom he made no objections were substituted. Convention results, while an immediate victory to McLaughlin, were an enduring triumph to Senator Murphy and Mr. Croker. Mr. Hill was deserted by some of his best friends at the critical moment.

They came to the conclusion that the former Senator's record in the campaign of 1896 made close association with him impossible, and they crossed over to the Murphy camp, realizing the Trojan party loyalty and the great popularity he enjoys among Democrats everywhere because of that fact.

Mr. Hill's effort to seize the party helm after abandoning it two years ago was made futile by the action of Kings in lining up with Murphy and Croker and the desertion of Danforth. Mr. Croker's manipulative genius secured both of these contributory causes.

Opposed Van Wyck and Herrick. As told in the Journal, Hill objected to Van Wyck and Herrick. In his opposition to the former he was supported by Kings County and the almost unanimous sentiment of the rural districts. Candidate after candidate was discussed and eliminated at the conference last night. Mr. Croker tried for Sulzer, and suggested Barrott. He seemed determined to nominate a man from New York City, but one by one they were dropped. Then Stanchfield loomed up strong. There was no real objection by either Hill or Croker to Stanchfield, but for form's sake they hotly negotiated. All the details of that struggle for supremacy will probably never be known.

When all sorts was washed. The discussion was interesting, and, according to report, ranged dangerously near personalities. Senator Murphy was the peace maker, and had to exercise his diplomacy frequently.

While this profitless conversation was raging the Kings managers came to the fore, and the name of Justice Augustus Van Wyck was suggested. At once Mr. Croker said: "He will suit us."

Hill Taken Back. Mr. Hill was transfixed with amazement at his failure to say it first. Mr. Croker's promptness had in a twinkling cut the tie of twenty-five years binding together Hill and McLaughlin. New York and Kings counties were ranged side by side. Their strength, with less than fifty additional votes, meant success.

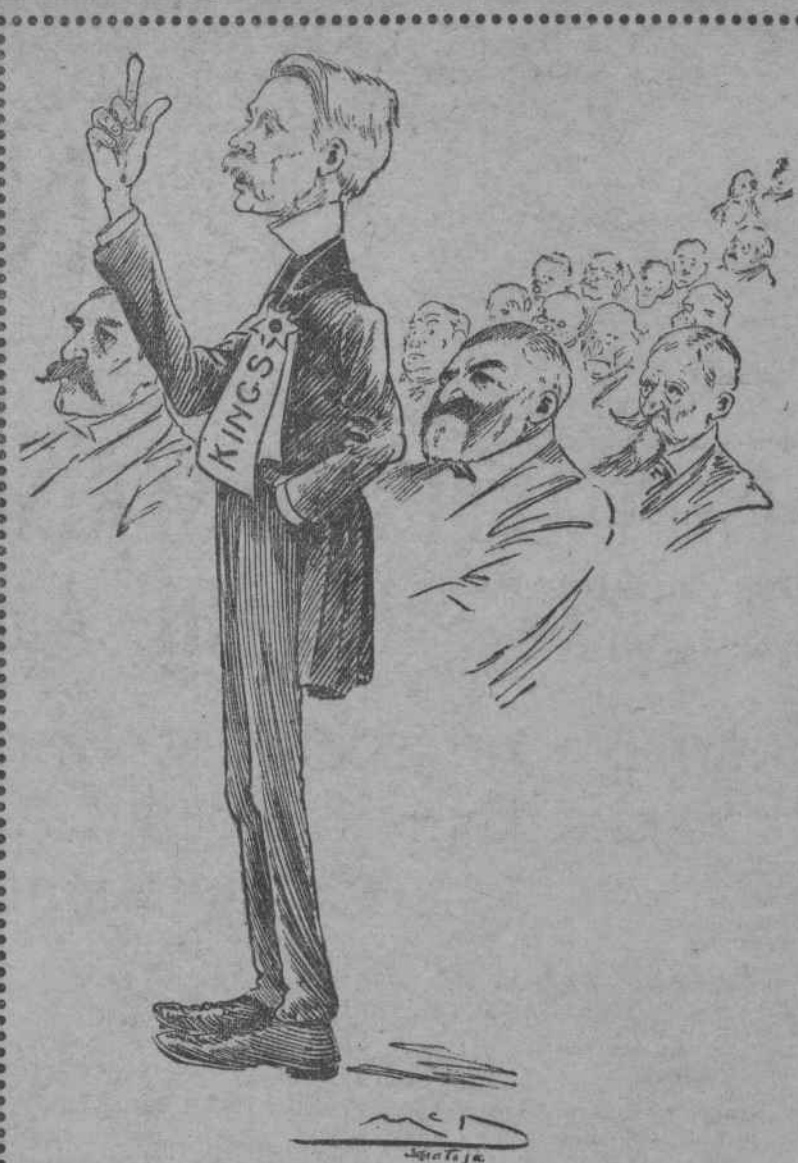
The embarrassment McLaughlin might have felt at parting with his old friend under ordinary circumstances was lacking, for McLaughlin had a candidate, and friendships count in such cases.

John B. Judson was on the ticket for Comptroller and Thomas E. Benedict for Secretary of State. Mr. Hill objected strenuously to Judson. He was so discomfited, however, that he requested a postponement of the conference until this morning.

In spite of the apparent spontaneity of the Kings suggestion the Senator will be pardoned by his friends if he suspects that Messrs. Murphy, Croker and Shevlin had rehearsed the incident. Color is given this suspicion by the fact that badges for Justice Van Wyck were in evidence in the convention, and they were hardly made over night.

When Mr. Hill retired to his room from the conference he was determined to fight the Van Wyck nomination in the convention if he could not secure a modification of the slate. He sent for Danforth and Campbell and urged that the rural delegates stand together. If he could hold them solid he might be able to beat Kings and New York. This morning he was confident of success. Danforth, Stanchfield, Titus, Maguire and Campbell were a phalanx.

At 10:30 Mr. Hill said, "I will stand or fall by the rural delegation." The discussion was interesting, and, according to report, ranged dangerously near personalities. Messrs. Murphy, Croker and McCar-



Andrew McLean Nominating Van Wyck.

HILL PLEASED WITH THE TICKET.



I ORIGINALLY doubted the wisdom of taking a candidate for Governor from Greater New York, and personally should have preferred that some one of the excellent gentlemen whose names were prominently mentioned, residing in the country portion of the State, should have received the nomination. But in a conference with the leading Democrats a majority thought otherwise, and I yielded my personal views after a full and frank discussion.

The ticket is satisfactory. I have known Judge Van Wyck for many years, and regard him as an able jurist, and know him to be a good Democrat. He will make an excellent Governor. The rest of the ticket is composed entirely of up-State men acceptable to every Democrat, and could hardly be improved upon.

The convention was harmonious, the platform is safe, conservative and timely, and the organization of the State Committee is very acceptable to me. I shall give the whole ticket my earnest support.—FORMER SENATOR DAVID B. HILL, in a dictated statement to a Journal correspondent at Syracuse.

ously word had been sent to the convention hall that the delegates would not be called to order until after 12.

If Danforth had stood firm the ticket to-night might have been vastly different. New York and Kings would have had the support of Richmond, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Columbia counties, but how many more counties could have been enlisted it is hard to say.

In justice to Mr. Hill it is only fair to say that he claims a victory. One of his lieutenants said to-night: "So Croker thinks he has won? Hill named the ticket. Croker did not want Justice Van Wyck. He is McLaughlin's candidate, and McLaughlin is a dear friend of Hill."

Croker did not want Danforth, who is a well known Hill man. Croker wanted Judson for Comptroller and Hill had Atwater substituted.

Hill has the organization. His man, Frank Campbell, is chairman of the State Committee. His man, John N. Carlisle, was made secretary of the committee. Hill has a majority in the committee.

He controlled the convention committee and seated his own delegates from the contested districts in Erie and Monroe.

The defeated candidates have swallowed their disappointment pleasantly. Mr. Stanchfield and Mr. Maguire will stump the State, and the others have promised to help all they can. It is hoped that Senator Hill will open the campaign in his old-time way in Brooklyn.

Justice Van Wyck is expected to resign from the bench at once and to take the stump, while Mr. Danforth will diligently work up the country districts. Senator Murphy left for Troy to-night. Senator Hill goes to Albany in the morning. The Kings County delegation leaves on its special train to-morrow.

Senators Edward Murphy is always true to his principles and loyal to his party. Elect legislators to return him to the Senate.

HOW VAN WYCK WAS NOMINATED.

The Work of the Convention at Syracuse Was Enthusiastic and Harmonious.

Syracuse, Sept. 29.—Long before the final conference of leaders at the Yates House was ended this morning the news that Supreme Court Justice Augustus Van Wyck, of Kings, had been selected to head the Democratic State ticket was displayed upon the Journal bulletin board in this place. As usual the Journal had beaten all its metropolitan contemporaries, with the result that New York knew the name of the nominee before Syracuse was awake, and also before the delegates to the convention knew of it. The Journal clinched its triumph by displaying the full State ticket on the bulletin opposite the Yates House before

the convention reassembled at 11 o'clock.

A tremendous crowd gathered in the big convention hall at that hour, only to be met by the announcement that the convention would not meet until noon.

Mr. Croker was the first of the big leaders to arrive. He walked down the centre aisle to his seat buoyantly. It was evident that with the battle fought and won the smile was appropriately on the face of the fighter. Mr. Croker was cheered vociferously. The smile broadened on his face until his rugged features became almost sunny in expression.

Mayor Maguire was the next to step to the centre of the stage. All Syracuse rose at him and declared that he was all right. Senator Hill's reception must have gone far to heal the wounds sustained in his sector with the nomination of a Tammany chief.

Delegates and spectators jumped to their feet and roared their admiration for several minutes. Senator Hill's face was white and drawn. He took his seat, and, seizing a big palm leaf fan, began beating the heavy air furiously. That fan spoke volumes to the careful observer, but the breeze it created did not raise a hair on Mr. Croker's head, and he was not so far away as that.

The battle of the leaders had been fought and won in Senator Murphy's little room on the second floor of the Yates House. In the convention hall the nominating machinery worked with rare precision. Erie County grew a little hysterical at one stage, waiting to have the convention adjourn until 6 o'clock to make a last effort to win over enough of the tired delegates to nominate Judge Robert C. Titus.

Bryan's Name Cheered. But permanent Chairman Schraub would have none of it. He pounded the hopes of Erie to death with his gavel and the great machine sped on.

James Z. Pierce, the white-bearded and callithenic Chicago Platform Democrat, of Yates, entered his protest against the platform, but Schraub subdued him as easily as a pedagogue does an obstreperous school boy.

In seconding the nomination of Stanchfield, the silver-tongued Carmody, of Yates, created the only real furor of the day with this sentence delivered in clarion tones: "I represent that Democracy which, when the skies were red with McKinley banners, kept sacred the name of William Jennings Bryan and the principles he represented."

Then for the first and last time in its short life this convention lost its dignified self-consciousness and burst the barriers. Though the New York and Brooklyn

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